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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

IN RE:

APPLICATION OF : Richard Cramer, Robert Jilek, Qian Liu, Stefan  
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TITLE : A Method For Searching Heterogenous Compound  
Databases Using Topomeric Shape Descriptors and  
Pharmacophoric Features

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TO: Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED October 17, 2006**

Applicants hereby respond to the office action dated October 17, 2006. Accompanying this Response is a Petition for Extension of Time to April 17, 2007 along with the required fee.

**Amendments to the claims** begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.